

APPENDIX K: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement was sought throughout the development of the CCP, starting in the summer of 1999. Public involvement strategies emphasized face-to-face meetings with key agencies, tribes with ancient links to the area, federally elected officials, and Refuge neighbors. The refuge also held open houses, conducted a planning workshop, sent newsletters, conducted surveys, and gave presentations at community organizations to inform the public, invite discussion and solicit feedback.

A mailing list of approximately 900 persons and organizations is maintained at the Refuge and was used to distribute planning updates and public meeting announcements. Below is a brief summary of the events, meetings, and outreach tools that were used in our public involvement efforts.

Meetings with Congressional Representatives and/or their Aides:

- February 2, 2000. Met with Congressional aides to Senator Gorton, Senator Murray
- April 24, 2000. Met with Congressman George Nethercutt.
- April 4, 2001. Met with Judy Olsen and Steve Taylor, aides to Senator Murray and Congressman Nethercutt.
- November 1, 2001. Met with Judy Olsen, aide to Senator Murray.
- November 13, 2001. Met with Robert Thoms, aide to Senator Cantwell.
- December 13, 2001. Met with Steve Taylor, aide to Congressman George Nethercutt.

Meetings with Tribal Officials

- April 14, 2000. Met with Spokane Tribe Natural Resources staff.
- March, April, 2000 - solicited meetings w/ Coeur d'Alene and Colville Tribes but Tribes both declined.
- March, April, 2000 - solicited meetings w/ Kalispel Tribe but no response.
- October, November 2001 - solicited meetings w/ Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Tribes but no responses.

Meetings with Local Elected Officials

- November 5, 2001. Met with Phil Harris, Spokane County Commissioner District 3.
- October, November 2001 - solicited meeting w/ Mayor Amy Sooy, Mayor of Cheney, but no response.
- November 21, 2001. Met with John Roskelley, Spokane County Commissioner
- December 5, 2001. Met with Kate McCaslin, Spokane County Commissioner

Meetings with Refuge Neighbors

- January 22, 2002. Cheney. Meeting with neighbors to Northeast of Refuge (4 attendees)
- January 24, 2002. Cheney. Meeting with neighbors to northwest of Refuge
- February 5, 2002. Cheney. Meeting with neighbors to east of Refuge
- February 11, 2002. Fire Station. Meeting with neighbors to west side of Refuge
- February 19, 2002. Cheney. Meeting with neighbors to southeast of refuge
- February 26, 2002. Cheney. Meeting with neighbors to south of Refuge.
- April 2, 2002. Individual meeting with refuge neighbors Don, Mark, and Dana Bell.
- February 6, 2003. Tour of Refuge and meeting with Cow Creek ranchers.

Meetings with Community Organizations

- November 18, 1999. Meeting with Inland Northwest Land Trust
- February 7, 2000. Met with Friends of Turnbull to discuss upcoming CCP.
- October 29, 2001. Met with Eastern Washington University / Turnbull Laboratory for Ecological Studies Directors.
- March 5, 2002. Presentation to Inland Northwest Wildlife Council.
- Fall, 2001. Presentation to Spokane Chapter of The Audubon Society
- _____. Presentation to Kiwanis Club.
- _____. Meeting with Inland Northwest Joint Venture Channeled Scabland Focus Group
- March 5, 2002. Presentation to Inland Northwest Land Trust
- Monthly, 2002. Met with West Plains Chamber of Commerce
- April 16, 2002. Met with Cheney Rotary Club.

Public Open Houses / Workshops

- Feb 29, 2000. Cheney High School. Open House to solicit input at outset of CCP (approximately 50 attendees).
- March 1, 2000. Spokane Falls Community College. Open House to solicit input at outset of CCP (approximately 40 attendees).
- December 1-2, 2001. Turnbull NWR Headquarters. Open house to celebrate remodeled EE classroom, highlight Refuge programs and CCP
- May 12, 2001. Open house to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. Included CCP display.
- June 22, 2002. Turnbull NWR Headquarters. Workshop to solicit feedback on seven preliminary alternatives (approximately 35 attendees).

Agency Meetings

- April 5, 2000. Meeting with Washington Department of Ecology staff.
- May 3, 2000. Met with Spokane County Division of Long Range Planning staff.
- May 23, 2000. Met with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Staff
- September 2000. Met with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife staff.
- Spring or summer, 2000. Spokane County Department of Long-Range Planning
- March 21, 2001. Washington Parks and Recreation Commission.
- March 22, 2001. Met with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- May 8, 2002. Met with Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- October 3, 2002. Met with Bureau of Land Management.
- November 19, 2002. Met with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.
- September 9, 2004. Met with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife staff

Planning Updates

- January, 2000. Planning Update #1 sent to ~ 800 persons / organizations / officials.
- November, 2000. Planning Update #2 sent to ~850 persons / organizations / officials.
- December, 2001. Planning Update #3 sent to ~875 persons / organizations / officials.
- May, 2002. Planning Update #4 sent to ~900 persons / organizations / officials.

Other Tools

- Summer, 1999. Friends of Turnbull conducted visitor surveys to 531 persons at nine different locations near Turnbull NWR.
- Spring, 2000. Received 86 responses to public comment form distributed with Planning Update #1 and distributed at open houses on Feb 29, March 1, 2000.

- Summer 2002, Received 28 comments to public comment form distributed with Planning Update #4.
- September, 2001. Booth at Spokane Interstate Fair.
- March 19, 2002. Participated in Interagency Committee workshop for recreation facilities grants.
- September, 2002. Booth at Spokane Interstate Fair.

Press Coverage:

- March 10?, 2000. Interview w/ KBPX
- ___, 2000. Other radio interview
- March, _ 2000. Spokesman Review article
- _____. Spokesman Review article
- June, 2002 . Cheney Free Press article.
- September, 2002. Spokesman Review article.

Federal Register Notices:

- March 2, 2000. Federal Register published *Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment; and Notice of Public Meetings*